Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Monday 26 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Sunday 25 Dec 2022 at 15:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Monday. High for changeable weather for the coming week, but low for daily detail

Headline for Monday 26 Dec 2022: Very cold and windy with snow showers, most frequent in the west

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 26 Dec 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	20%	40%	70%	70%	50%	40%	20%

Forecast for Monday 26 Dec 2022

Weather: Frequent and occasionally heavy and hail snow showers through a good deal of the day, small chance of an isolated thunderstorm too. Showers will ease towards evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, cloud will come and go on the tops, but cloudiest conditions will be across the west

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in snow showers, and cloud down to 700 metres as showers pass by. Otherwise very good visibility. Fresh snow will be blowing around in the strong summit winds.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/32 SW	33/42 SW	36/45 SW	31/39 W	27/34 NW	33/43 NW	29/38 W	24/31 W	19/25 SW
900	25/31 SW	32/40 SW	34/43 SW	30/38 W	25/33 NW	32/42 NW	27/36 W	23/30 W	18/24 SW
600	17/24 SW	21/30 SW	23/33 SW	20/28 W	17/25 NW	20/31 NW	17/26 W	14/22 W	11/17 SW
300	4/22 W	8/30 W	8/30 W	8/27 W	8/24 NW	9/32 NW	7/26 W	5/21 W	3/16 SW
Glen	9/21 W	14/27 W	12/26 W	12/24 W	12/23 NW	14/29 NW	13/26 W	8/17 W	4/10 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-15	-6/-16	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-14	-5/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14	-6/-13
900	-5/-14	-5/-14	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-12	-4/-14	-5/-14	-5/-13	-5/-12
600	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-9	-3/-9	-3/-8
300	-1/-3	-0/-4	-0/-4	-0/-4	0/-3	0/-4	-0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4
Glen	2/-1	2/-3	2/-2	2/-2	3/-1	3/-1	3/-2	2/-1	1/-1
Freezing Level*	100m	200m	200m	300m	300m	200m	200m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold in the strong winds at all levels.

Forecast for Tuesday 27 Dec 2022

Weather: After a dry start widespread snow will spread northeast across all areas through the morning. Drier and somewhat brighter weather with some wintry showers will spread east in the afternoon, although any snow confined to 800 metres or higher. Caithness and northern Sutherland may hang on to outbreaks of snow until dusk.

Maximum wind: Southerly 30 mph with gusts 45 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance in the morning, improving 50% through the afternoon with Skye and Lochaber fairing best

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in snow and extensive low cloud down to 600 metres, this breaking up from the west in the afternoon although this may take a while. Best chance of breaks in the southwest

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 rising to 5 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres rising to 1100 metres by afternoon, although not across the far north until after dark

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